

WAS A FREE FIGHT

Five Members of the Populists' County Committee

KICK ABOUT JOHN McQUEEN

And Call a Meeting to Nominate a New County Ticket—Charges That Were Made.

"Simply because John McQueen did not hire Pinkertons to shoot union men during the strike some of our fellows think he's a scoundrel." With this remark and other expressions J. Riley Dennison closed an address that he was delivering to the people's party mass meeting over in Wilcox's hall last night. The expression was really reverent and chaste in comparison with the rest of the language used during the meeting. Five members of the county committee, consisting of J. K. Dennison, Thomas Dean, James Morrison, H. A. Clark and H. C. Hooker had called the meeting to protest against the endorsement of John McQueen by the people's party. Mr. Dennison presided and it was a Donnybrook fair from start to finish. The claim was made that the meeting which selected McQueen was not legal, but there was no quorum present at last night's meeting and the county committee could do no business.

William F. Tea didn't see why the action of the county committee wasn't entirely legal.

Watson's Bribery Theory.

"Wally" Watson suddenly bobbed up with the information that somebody had offered to give \$2 to every \$1 the democrats could offer to keep the people's party in this district square in the middle of the road. He hinted that the objecting members of the county committee had a fair share of booze to spur them on for the contest. Frank Debar threatened to vote for John McQueen, but the meeting didn't stampede. John Scott scored the democrats' administration that had forced convict labor on the people of Tennessee, had caused a Homestead strike, and another at Buffalo. He thanked God he wasn't a democrat, and said there were 200 men in the Orel factory that would never vote for John McQueen.

J. Riley Dennison denied that republican money was being used to influence the committee, and hinted that Young had been given a new barn free of cost to withdraw from the head of the people's party ticket and give McQueen a chance.

Watson bobbed up again with his stereotyped bribery theory, and was laughed at by the meeting.

L. V. Moulton attempted to justify the committee's act, and half the crowd left. Ralph Treat and Jacob Taelaer had little side consultations with the chairman, but nobody was hurt. Finally the meeting adjourned, and most of those present declared that they would vote for Lamoreaux sooner than justify their principles by voting for a man that had been put on the ticket in order to give the democrats a chance to swallow the people's party.

SKINNER WILL BE ARRAIGNED.

A Warrant Charges Him With Attempting to Murder.

A charge of assault with intent to commit murder was made yesterday against Reuben Skinner, the Plainfield farmer, who struck his aged wife on the head Wednesday afternoon with an ax. A warrant was issued by Justice Westfall, on complaint of Frank Scott, Skinner's stepson. The attending physician thinks Mrs. Skinner will recover from the effects of the blow, if no serious complications attend her injuries. She is, however, very weak and confined to her bed. Skinner has been confined in jail since the attempted murder, awaiting the result of the injuries.

Did Patrick Steal It?

William Patrick was arrested yesterday for the larceny of a parcel containing a pair of pantalones and a vest from Heuser's Canal street saloon Friday night. He pleaded not guilty when arraigned yesterday in police court and his examination was adjourned until this morning. It is alleged that Patrick went into the saloon with a parcel and gave it to the bartender to keep for him a short time. The bartender afterwards left the saloon and Heuser entered with a package claimed to have been subsequently stolen. Patrick took his package and went away, but returned in a short time, when the bartender also put in an appearance and Heuser stepped out. It is alleged that Patrick had been drinking, when he asked the bartender for more liquor he was refused, whereupon he asked the bartender to give him his package and he would leave. The bartender supposing the package was Patrick's, handed it over to him and he went away. The property has not been found.

Habcock Will Go to Lansing.

Frank Habcock, the 12-year-old boy terror, who has caused the trunk office so much trouble for the last two or three years, was in police court yesterday for the last time, or at least within the coming five years. He was arrested for truancy, and when called up before Judge Haggerty he honorably said, "I believe you have been in this court before, have you not?" The youngster replied that he had. "Well," replied the judge, "you seem to have an aversion for school, and upon recommendation of county agent Hathaway I shall sentence you to the reform school until you are 17 years old, which will make a term of five years. There you will be kept in school, and you will have no opportunity to run away."

Frank hung his head, but otherwise was not perceptibly affected. His career has been one of much annoyance to the officers.

Asks for Partition of Property.

Charles Herbstreit filed an application yesterday in the circuit court for a partition of property in accordance

with a decree given him in the circuit court a few months ago. In her last will and testament, Herbstreit's mother devised to him a life interest in some property located at the corner of Meloyne and Fourth streets, upon which there are located three dwelling houses, and after his death the property was to be divided equally among his seven children. The will was contested by his brother Andrew, but was sustained by the court. The Michigan Trust company was appointed guardian of the children, and now the legatees ask leave to sell the property and divide the proceeds. Everette D. Comstock is attorney for the applicants.

Disorderly Boys in Court.

When the case of the city against Howard and Willie Ravencroft and Lawrence Pangborn was called in police court yesterday the attorney for the boys moved that the case be nolle prossed, as the complaint made in the warrant did not charge them with having been disorderly in a "public street." The boys were arrested on Spring street a few nights ago for throwing stones and acting in a belligerent manner. The judge did not grant the motion for a nolle prosequere to be entered and ordered the trial to proceed. The defendants demanded a jury trial and the remainder of the day was consumed in trying to empanel one.

Judge Champlin Debarred.

The Hon. John W. Champlin went to Muskegon yesterday morning as counsel in the noted Peirce-Torrey lumber case. He had accepted a retainer and went down all prepared to work, but the opposing counsel objected to the ex-judge's being permitted to appear in the case, as he had sat in the case when it was in the state supreme court. Judge Dickerman sustained the objection, and Mr. Champlin walked out.

Did Not Know the Ordinance.

Bert Woodman, a young man living in Walker township and attending school in this city, was arrested for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. When arraigned in police court he said he rides his bicycle to and from school and lives at home. He did not know he was violating an ordinance when he rode on the sidewalk, so the court suspended sentence on the payment of costs.

Johnson Was Acquitted.

Elmer Johnson the ex-lineman who was held over from police court to the supreme court sometime ago, for deadly assault on Conductor Powers of the Cherry street car line, was tried before a jury yesterday in the superior court. After deliberating two hours the jury returned with a verdict of not guilty and Johnson was released.

John W. Farrell's Will.

The will of the late John W. Farrell was filed for probate yesterday morning. The homestead on Cherry street is bequeathed to his wife with \$2,500 in cash and the remainder is divided among his three children, John T. Farrell, A. A. Farrell and A. Farrell. The property is valued at \$33,500, and John S. Farr is named as executor.

O'Dowd Is in Jail.

Ed O'Dowd was before Judge Haggerty yesterday on a charge of breach of the peace. He could not conceal the evidence against him as his face plainly bore the marks of a flat encounter. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$5 and costs but in default of payment he was committed to jail for thirty days.

To Enforce a Mechanic's Lien.

Hotshot Schill began proceedings in the circuit court yesterday to enforce a mechanic's lien which he had placed on a dwelling house built on Richmond's addition by Johann and Frank Simons. Schill claims the defendants are indebted to him to the amount of \$31.25 for labor performed by him in plastering the building.

Thomas Shot at Dog.

Thomas C. Winters of Doggery street fired his revolver at a neighbor's savage dog and he was arrested for shooting firearms within the city limits. Judge Haggerty suspended sentence upon him yesterday upon payment of \$1.50 costs.

Police Court Notes.

The trial of Maud Vernon, Kittie Amund and Charles Teizow, on a charge of disorderly, was adjourned in police court yesterday at this morning. The respondents were arrested some time ago in Ackley & Frost's saloon on East Bridge street.

Sheriff McQueen will take Philip Cummings and George Thompson to the Iowa reformatory this morning.

They will serve eighteen months for the larceny of a watch from J. C. Jones of White Cloud.

The examination of Herbert A. Waters on two charges of keeping his saloon open after hours, was adjourned yesterday until October 12.

Court Notes.

The case of the people against Dr. William H. Gunn, on a charge of assault preferred by Miss Ida Dorems, will be on in Judge Adams' court this morning.

Justice Holcomb has recovered from his recent illness and will open his office this morning for the transaction of business.

LAW AND LAWYERS.

Circuit Court—Part I.

JUDGE GROVE.

Walter A. Darland vs. Loomis K. Bishop, trover; motion for new trial argued and submitted.

Thomas Hooper et al. vs. Sarah L. Roynton, assumpsit; judgment for defendant without costs.

Circuit Court—Part II.

JUDGE ADAMS.

The People vs. Elizabeth Flynn, assault and battery; order suspending sentence heretofore imposed.

John Brenahan, administrator, vs. Emanuel Nugent, assumpsit; motion to set aside order granting leave to amend denied.

The John Tolman company vs. Edward Clement et al., assumpsit; continued over term without costs.

Earl R. Wilson vs. Eliza Maynard, replevin; order that plaintiff file a new appeal bond.

Fred Voigt vs. John Dregge, assumpsit.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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